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SUBJECT: FOOTWEAR AND BOTTLED OLIVES: COUNTERVAILING DUTIES

REF: A) MADRID 675 B) STATE 9690

- 1. THE DEPARTMENT IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE FOREIGN POLICY REPERCUSSIONS STEMMING FROM POSSIBLE COUNTERVAILING DUTY ACTION. ACCORDINGLY, DRAWING ON THE INFORMATION IN REF B THE EMBASSY IS INSTRUCTED TO APPROACH ASAP THE HIGHEST APPROPRIATE POLICY LEVEL OFFICIALS AND MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:
- A) TREASURY HAS HAD THIS CASE UNDER REVIEW SINCE JANUARY 1973 AND CONSIDERS THAT IT NEEDS ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION BY FEBRUARY 18.
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- B) IF ADEQUATE INFORMATION IS NOT FORTHCOMING SHORTLY, TREASURY WILL HAVE TO PROCEED ON THE BASIS OF THE "BEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION."
- C) A FINDING MADE UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY RESULT IN THE IMPOSITION OF COUNTERVAILING DUTIES ON FOOTWEAR AND OLIVES.
- D) WE HOPE THAT THE INFORMATION BEING REQUESTED FROM SPAIN WILL DEMONSTRATE THAT COUNTERVAILING DUTIES WILL NOT BE CALLED FOR.
- E) HOWEVER, IT MUST BE REALIZED THAT ONLY TREASURY CAN DETERMINE THE ADEQUACY OF THE INFORMATION AFTER RECEIVING, TRANSLATING AND STUDYING THE DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY BAPTISTA (REF A). FYI: THIS MEANS THAT SENIOR LEVEL SPANISH OFFICIALS WILL HAVE VERY BRIEF ADVANCE NOTICE OF A U.S. ACTION WITH IMPORTANT IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. SPANISH TRADE RELATIONS. END FYI. KISSINGER

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